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RADM Gallaudet and Mr. Wallace:

Earlier this week, I met with your representatives regarding the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (FDEP) request to assume administration of the Clean Water Act Section 404 permitting program. I very much appreciate the support of your agencies on this effort. For your information, the Environmental Protection Agency's Region 4 Regional Administrator has designated FDEP as the non-Federal representative to conduct informal consultation for this effort, pursuant to 50 CFR § 402.08. The Regional Administrator's letter to FDEP is enclosed for your awareness.

Sincerely,



David P. Ross  
Assistant Administrator

cc: Noah Valenstein, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Enclosure